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For: LIVING BODY COLLATING DEVICE, LIVING BODY COLLATING SYSTEM, LIVING BODY COLLATING METHOD AND REGISTRATION DATA RENEWING METHOD

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 8 as follows:

8. The living body collating device of claim 6, wherein the attribute information contains the presence or absence of glasses.

REMARKS

Applicants request that the foregoing amendment be made preliminarily to examination of the application. Claim 8 have been amended to depend from claim 6 in order to ensure that no multiple dependent claim depends from another multiple dependent claim. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 8 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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Please amend claim 8.

8. The living body collating device [as claimed in] of claim 6, [claims 6 or 7,] wherein the attribute information contains the presence or absence of glasses.